

Application No.: 10/669,577
Docket No.: UC0223USNA

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Remarks

Status of the Application

Claims 1-22 and 44-53 are pending in the application.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Hsu, U.S. Patent 6,756,474 and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over McCormick et al., U.S. Patent 6,611,096. Applicants also acknowledge withdrawal of rejections under the doctrine of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 12 and 17 of U.S. Patent 6,756,474 and of Claims 1-22 and 44-53 under the same doctrine over claims 1, 5, 7-10, 14-15 and 17-18 of copending Application No. 10/814,917 following Applicants' filing of terminal disclaimers.

Claims 1-22 and 44-53 stand rejected under the doctrine of nonstatutory double patenting over Claims 1-7, 13-20, 23 and 30-38 of U.S. Patent No. 7,317,047 B2.

None of the claims is being amended.

The present rejection is addressed by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

Terminal Disclaimer Filed to Overcome Nonstatutory Double Patenting

A Terminal Disclaimer is filed concurrently herewith along with a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) to obviate the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 7,317,047.

There are currently no other outstanding rejections against any of the pending claims.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 1-22 and 44-53 have been overcome and should be withdrawn, leaving those claims in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance for claims 1-22 and 44-53 is therefore earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have questions about the contents of this paper or the status of the claims, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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